

CLAIMS

1 1. A method for facilitating use of the global positioning system (GPS) ,
2 the method comprising the steps of:

3 coupling a client device to a network and to a GPS device;
4 using the client device to access a database through the network, the
5 database containing the GPS coordinates that correspond to a plurality of locations;
6 obtaining from the database the GPS coordinates corresponding to at
7 least one location; and
8 providing the GPS coordinates corresponding to the at least one
9 location to the GPS device.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing the GPS
2 coordinates to the GPS device is performed automatically.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accessing a database
2 comprises the steps of:

3 accessing a predefined web page through the client device, the
4 predefined web page being coupled to the database; and
5 accessing the database through the predefined web page.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of accessing a predefined web
2 page comprises the steps of:

3 browsing to a particular location on the web through the client device;
4 receiving in the client device a web page associated with the location,
5 the web page including a link to the database; and
6 displaying the web page associated with the location on a display
7 associated with the client device.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accessing a database
2 comprises the steps of:

3 accessing an e-mail application through the client device, the e-mail
4 application being coupled to the database; and

5 accessing the database through the e-mail application.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of accessing an e-mail
2 application comprises the steps of:

3 establishing communication between the client device and an e-mail
4 server; and

5 accessing the e-mail application through the e-mail server.

1 8. A system for facilitating use of the global positioning system (GPS),
2 comprising:

3 a client device coupled to a network and to a GPS device;

4 a database coupled to the network through a server device, the database
5 containing the GPS coordinates that correspond to a plurality of locations; and

6 wherein the client device obtains from the database the GPS
7 coordinates that correspond to a location and provides the coordinates to the GPS
8 device.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the GPS coordinates obtained from the
2 database are provided to the GPS device automatically.

1 10. The system of claim 8, wherein the GPS device is part of the client
2 device.

1 11. The system of claim 8, wherein the GPS device is located remotely
2 from the client device.

1 12. The system of claim 8, wherein the client device is a personal computer
2 (PC).

1 13. The system of claim 8, wherein the client device is a personal digital
2 assistant (PDA).

1 14. The system of claim 8, wherein the client device is a cellular telephone.
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1 15. A computer readable medium for facilitating use of the global
2 positioning system (GPS), comprising:

3 logic configured to couple a client device to a network and to a GPS
4 device, to use the client device to access a database through the network, the database
5 containing the GPS coordinates that correspond to a plurality of locations, to obtain
6 from the database the GPS coordinates corresponding to at least one location, and to
7 provide the GPS coordinates corresponding to at least one location to the GPS device.
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1 16. The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein the GPS
2 coordinates corresponding to the at least one location are provided to the GPS device
3 automatically.

1 17. The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the network is the
2 Internet.

1 18. The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the database is
2 accessed by accessing a predefined web page that is coupled to the database.

1 19. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the predefined
2 web page is accessed by:

3 logic in the client device configured to browse to a particular location
4 on the web, to receive a web page associated with the location, the web page including
5 a link to the database, and to display the web page associated with the location on a
6 display associated with the client device.

1 20. The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein the database is
2 accessed by accessing an e-mail application that is coupled to the database.